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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 3, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

--12. A method of selling a giftcard at a store location of a first retailer for use at a store location of a second and different retailer, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a giftcard to the store location of the first retailer, the gift card redeemable at the store location of the second and different retailer;